

The Minutes of the 224th meeting of the Stainton & Thornton Parish Council held in the Memorial Hall, Stainton on Tuesday, 8th December, 2015 at 7.15 p.m.

Present: P/Cllrs. A. Liddle (Chair), J. Holmes (Vice Chair), A. Cooper, C. Deane and B. Neale; Mrs. M. Newbould, Clerk to the Parish Council; Public: 0.

81/15, Apologies – Cllr. A. Conroy (on holiday), Cllr. D. Coupe (in London).

82/15, Declarations of Interest – none.

83/15, Public Participation – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council – no public present.

84/15, The Minutes of the 223rd meeting held on Tuesday, 13th October, 2015 were formally approved by the Council and signed by the Chair as a true record.

85/15, Matters Arising from the above Minutes

(i) Cedarwood Glade Care Home – update following PC letter and all-agency mtg. at Stainton Church room on 27th October, 2015 The Chair reported that a letter had been received from Julie Pearce re anti-Nuisance Behaviour contact details. Since the meeting at Stainton Church, the prime culprits had been moved on and no further incidents had occurred. The problem seemed to have resolved itself but P/C monitoring would continue.

(ii) The Stainton Inn – proposed re-establishment of a retail outlet in the village, e.g. village shop/Post Office/newsagents; grants & funding The Chair reported no further news from Frankie Buckland, The Stainton Inn. The planning outlook was favourable for re-establishment of a retail outlet to generate more profit.

(iii) Bus Services through Stainton The Chair had attended a recent meeting at the Town Hall with Ward Cllr. David Coupe, Chris Hobson, Marton Ward Cllr. and Derek Gittings, Head of Transport, Middlesbrough Council and a circular route had now been agreed. He had also written to VOSA Traffic Commissioners in Leeds via James at Croft Coaches. A reply was awaited. MBC had agreed to pay the subsidy for the service until March 2016. A sum of £5500.00 remained with MBC from the original amount of £13000.00 for Stainton Bus Service. The Vice Chair praised the Chair and Cllr. D. Coupe for all their efforts to acquire a bus service for the village. ***The Parish Council resolved*** to investigate the situation re the Phase One Rose Cottage 106 Agreement monies of £210,000 for Stainton Bus Services.

(iv) Village Memorials to Cllr. Maelor Williams (dec'd.) – progress report re V/Ct. seat plaque and renaming of Stainton Wood as Maelor Wood The Chair had received permission from Tom Punton MBC for the renaming of the wood and had spoken to Nigel Slater. There was no requirement to contact The Land Registry. The Chair would progress the plaque.

(v) Dog Fouling – 2 bins had been promised by Ken Sherwood, MBC. Siting options were discussed. Funding would be shared, i.e. 1/3 by each council. Dog waste was now permitted in the ordinary bins. Spray-painted signs on roads would be researched.

(vi) Re-location of Cedarwood Glade notice board to Vernon Court This item had been delayed because of the Stainton Care Home problem but would now be progressed.

(vii) 3, Thornton Rd. overhanging hedge – A re-inspection had been made by the Chair and the hedge had been cut back to the edge of the property by the owner.

(viii) Councillor Profiles for Quality Council Level The Clerk had now received Profiles from 4 out of 7 Parish Councillors.

The Parish Council **resolved** that all 7 Profiles would be included in the Chair's Annual Report in May 2016.

(ix) Defibrillator(s) outside the Memorial Hall - The Chair had included this item in the request for 106 monies from Taylor Wimpey. A defibrillator was needed 'sooner rather than later' and the Parish Council resolved to provide or contribute towards the cost in the current financial year. The Memorial Hall Committee had agreed that outside the Hall was the most appropriate site in the village but would not be responsible for the defibrillator. Resolved that Taylor Wimpey would also be approached to ask if they would consider donating the item with their name included for publicity.

86/15, The Report of the Clerk to the Council

1. Transparency Fund Information – further details had been received from CLCA including a Funding Application Form, Guidance notes and application deadline dates. The Clerk would liaise with CLCA and apply for funding. Agreed by the P/Council.
2. Profiles for Quality Council Status had been received from Parish Councillors Chris Dean, Brian Neale, Angela Cooper and Alan Liddle.
3. An email had been received re the new Pension regulations. The Clerk as employee chose to opt out. The Parish Council agreed and Baines Jewitt would be notified accordingly.
4. On circulation to P/Councillors: the CPRE magazine, the 'Bulletin' War Memorials Trust magazine and the Local Council Review.
5. NALC circulars and newsletters received from CLCA had been forwarded to all 7 Parish Councillors. Re the Sector Led Body: the Parish Council would seek advice from CLCA as to whether to opt out of External Audit.
6. Notification had been received of a CLCA meeting at Loftus Town Hall on Wednesday, 25th November, 2015 at 7.00 p.m. The Chairman and Vice Chairman had attended the meeting.
7. A newsletter had been received with a request for a donation from Butterwick Hospice Care. Noted.
8. The Financial Statement: the Balance in the Bank A/c. at 8th Dec. 2015 is £5542.56, After Adding: 0.04 draft Interest Refund, and Deducting: Galliford Tri – re Xmas Lights £555.00, A. Conroy re new lamps £177.43, HMRC re PAYE £1.60, M. Newbould – salary £300.96, GM Joinery – new notice board £1300.00, Parish Room – hire £20.00, Baines Jewitt re PAYE £36.00, SLCC subscription £65.00, M & S Bank re keycutting & bulbs £19.94. Authorisation for all the above payments was duly given by the Parish Council.

87/15, Committee Reports: **a) Planning Committee-** Applications granted by MBC and any new applications: 2 Rose Cottage Gardens: crown lift and reduction of 1 No. Oak tree; 3 Rowan Grove: reduction of 2No.Horse Chestnut and 2No. Sycamore; Phase 3: 172 houses on land to west Strait Lane – approved by MBC, subject to the provisos of 106 monies. Disappointment was expressed re the lack of bus subsidy/service. Wellbury: coming up for adjudication in 2017: Taylor Wimpey would contribute ¼ million pounds towards the capital fund and roads on site would be wide enough to take a bus. Taylor Wimpey feedback forms were distributed to P/Cllrs. **b) Environment Committee:** Northumbria in Bloom re-entry fee to pay; the Portfolio to progress; It's Your Neighbourhood Awards Ceremony on 21st Oct. barrels refurbishment instead of purchase; Strait Lane hedge trim to be requested LH side outwards obscuring 30 mph sign; 3 new trees planted by Middlesbrough Council in Strait

Lane. No. 1 Hemlington Rd. in the Conservation Area – Cllr. D. Coupe would find out who was the property owner. Next meeting: 19 Feb. 2016 at 6.30 p.m.

c) Crime & Disorder: No recent incidents. Updates had been requested by the Chair from the PCSO. The Police website was always available to look at the Police crime figures for the area.

88/15, Friends of Stainton & Thornton Green Spaces: The Chair reported on recent work, events and finance. Stainton Wood –work had commenced on 5th Nov. with Askham Bryan; the Community Pay-back team would assist with thinning out, crown lifts and thistle-clearing; a Friends’ meeting had been held on 16th Nov. A Children’s Nature Event including a nature walk and a craft session with Steve Ashton, Tees Valley Wildlife, would be held on 21st Dec. 9.30 am at the Memorial Hall. The Chair reported tree-damage following the recent storms and high winds. The TMG would attend to this.

89/15, Speeding through the village – a complaint received from a High Rifts’ resident was discussed.

90/15, State of repair of the roads – complaint received and discussed. Submitted to MBC.

91/15, Christmas Lights switch-on by the Bishop’s wife - Cllrs. reported a disappointing turn-out. The Parish Council thanked Cllr. A. Conroy for all his excellent work re Christmas Lights.

92/15, Defibrillators outside the Memorial Hall – already covered above under Matters Arising.

93/15, Provisional P/C budget for 2016/2017 Following further discussion, it was **resolved** to keep the Precept demand at £6500 and the Set Aside Reserve for the next Election at £1000.

94/15, Public Consultation Meeting at Sporting Lodge Wed.2nd Dec.3.30-6.30 p.m.re Taylor Wimpey plans for Wellbury (old Hemlington Hospital site) Reported above under Planning.

95/15, Date for the next Parish Council Meeting, Tues, 9th February, 2016 at 7.15 p.m.

The Chair formally closed the meeting at 9.15 p.m.

The Editor of the Village Newsletter thanked the Chair and Vice Chair for the early submission of their contributions to the December edition of the Newsletter.

Accepted as a true record and signed Date

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